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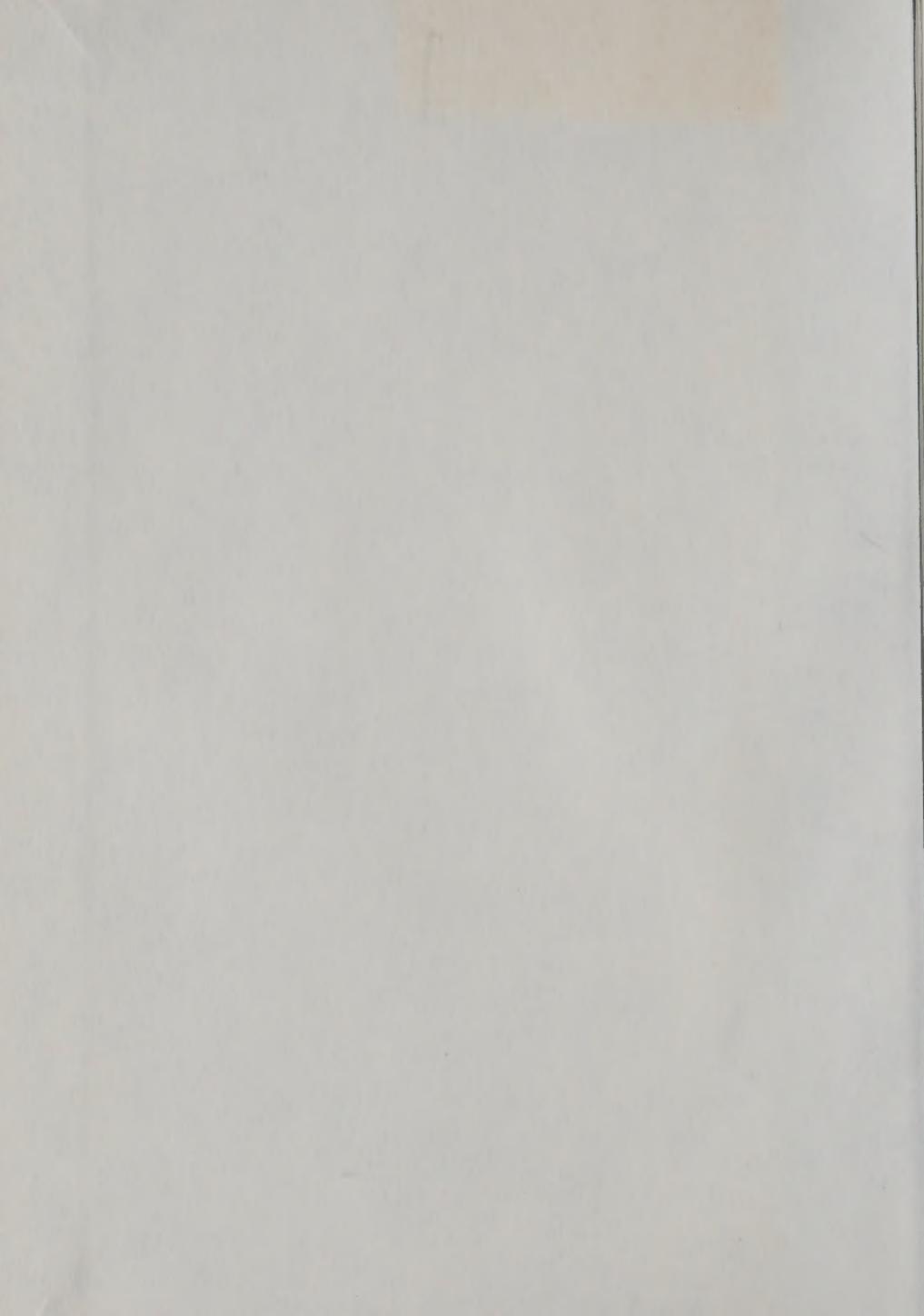
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A HISTORY OF
Harmony Lodge No. 24
A.F. & A.M.

Lusk, Wyoming



As presented by James B. Griffith, Senior Warden and Historian,
to the Lodge at the observance of its fortieth anniversary, at
Lusk, Wyoming, on the ninth of July, nineteen hundred forty-six

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TO THE MEMORY OF

the Charter Members and Past Masters of Harmony Lodge No. 24, both living and dead, whose zeal for the institution of Freemasonry and the perpetuation of the purposes and ideals of the Craft have served as a beacon light to guide the feet of those into whose hands they have passed the torch of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, for the benefit of this and generations to come, this little booklet is most affectionately dedicated.

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HARMONY LODGE NO. 24, Lusk, Wyoming

As has been its history in America since the organization of the first Grand Lodge in the New World in 1730, the establishment of Masonic Lodges always closely follows the opening of new frontiers.

Lusk and Wyoming have been no exception to that rule.

The Grand Lodge of Wyoming was organized and held its first meeting in Laramie, Wyo., on December 15 and 16, 1874.

According to Alfred J. Mokler's "History of Freemasonry in Wyoming," which was compiled by Mr. Mokler and published under the sponsorship of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, the first Masonic meeting to be held in what is now the State of Wyoming was not a regularly constituted body of Masons, but consisted of about twenty Masonic brethren who were in an emigrant train traveling from the East to the West. This meeting was held on Independence Rock, in what is now Natrona County, Wyoming, on July 4, 1862.

Although Harmony Lodge No. 24 did not come into actual being until the town was almost twenty years old, brief references in Grand Lodge proceedings and the files of The Lusk Herald present ample evidence that a well-developed movement looking to the organization of a Masonic Lodge in the town of Lusk was well under way in 1886, but failed of fruition. The principal reason for this failure seems to have been the "inharmony" existing between the brethren of the new frontier town.

At the Grand Lodge communication held on December 7, 1886, the records show that "a communication from several brethren at Lusk, Laramie County, Wyoming, in regard to a dispensation to form a new Lodge at that place, was presented. On motion, the same was received and referred to the Committee on Returns and Work, with instructions to report at this communication. The Committee on Returns and Work reported as follows: 'We recommend that the communication from the brethren at Lusk be referred to the Grand Master.'

It is evident that there was considerable discord among some of the sojourning brethren at Lusk at that time, for the Grand Master did not comply with the request for granting a dispensation, and

at the Grand Lodge communication held on December 6, 1887, the matter was disposed of by Grand Master N. R. Davis in his annual report, which said:

"In accordance with the recommendation of your Committee on Returns and Work, made at the last session, I examined the communication from the brethren at Lusk in regard to forming a Lodge at that place, and on the 19th day of January last (1887) appointed Brother Isaac Greentree to ascertain whether it was feasible to start such a Lodge, and if so, to examine and instruct such number of the brethren as might be desirous of starting the same. A want of unanimity among the brethren at that place in regard to the formation of such a Lodge precluded any action on his part, and the matter rests where it was one year ago."

And so it did "rest" for almost twenty years.

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Newspaper References Concerning Proposed New Lodge at Lusk

While the above brief reference to the early attempt at the organization of a Lodge at Lusk is all that is contained in Grand Lodge proceedings, the files of The Lusk Herald of 1886 and early 1887 contain numerous references to the movement, which are both interesting and informative.

In order that the information contained in these early newspaper files may be preserved by being printed in pamphlet form, and if desirable made a part of the records of the Lodge, they are reproduced herewith just as they appeared in that newspaper, and tell an interesting story in their own right:

From The Herald, September 24, 1886:
A. F. & A. M.

All members of the Masonic fraternity of Lusk are hereby requested to meet at the office of Esq. Kingman tonight (Friday) at 8:00 o'clock to initiate steps toward the organization of a Lodge here.

BY REQUEST.

From The Herald, October 1, 1886:

The Masonic fraternity are making arrangements to build a fine hall, over the building to be erected by Lonabaugh and Dr. Martin. It will be 24x40.

From The Herald, October 20, 1886:

Arrangements have been made with B. A. Hart to build a hall over his 20x40 store building. The Masonic fraternity will have exclusive control of the hall, and will sub-let it to other societies and for such purposes as such a room is generally used for. The floor will be deadened and the hall will be first-class in every particular.

From The Herald, November 26, 1886:

The Masonic fraternity of Lusk and vicinity are hereby called to meet at the office of Esq. Kingman, on Wednesday evening, November 24th, at 8:00 o'clock sharp, to recommend officers and for the transaction of such other business as may be thought proper.

From The Herald, December 3, 1886:

A Terpschorean Club will be organized here as soon as the Masonic Hall is completed.

From The Herald, December 3, 1886:

Steps should be taken to have a grand Christmas tree in Lusk. If the Masonic Hall is completed by that time, it would be an excellent place for such an entertainment.

From The Herald, December 10, 1886:

The Herald expects to see a big turnout at the Masonic ball.

From The Herald, December 10, 1886:

CHRISTMAS MASONIC BALL

A grand Masonic ball and banquet will be given in Lusk on Christmas Eve, December 24th, 1886. The music will be furnished by the military band of Fort Laramie, and the banquet at the elegant new Collins House will consist of roast fowl, and other meats, oysters, pastry; fruits of all kinds, wines, and everything which will tend to make the supper inviting. The Fraternity desire to make some money to furnish their new hall, but they will not attempt to do so by curtailing any expense which will add to the enjoyment of the guests. They do nothing by halves. About 400 invitations will be sent out. It is intended to make this the finest entertainment ever given in Northern Wyoming.

From The Herald, December 17, 1886:

Remember the big Masonic ball and banquet on Christmas Eve, December 24th.—(Paid adv.)

From The Herald, December 17, 1886:

THE MASONIC MASQUE BALL

Arrangements have been completed by the committee to give the finest masque ball and banquet in Lusk, on Friday, December 24, which has ever been given in Northern Wyoming. The railroad company will sell round-trip tickets from any town on the line within 200 miles at one and one-third rate, good till the 27th. The banquet will be the very best which can be secured and the music will be exceptionally good. Masks may be secured at Bostelman & Co. Come and have a good time.

From The Herald, December 24, 1886:

The music at the Masonic ball will consist of first and second violin, cornet and organ, and a good caller will be employed.

From The Herald, December 24, 1886:

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Rev. Gross will preach in Masonic Hall, Lusk, Wyoming, next Sunday, at 10 a. m. Turn out and give him a good audience.

From The Herald, December 31, 1886:

THE MASONIC BALL

The Christmas masque ball given for the benefit of the Masonic fraternity scored a great success in everything except the "benefit" part of the programme. Fifty-seven numbers were sold, a part of which did not include supper. The amount cleared was \$13.90.

The music consisted of two violins, cornet and organ, and was first-class. During the fore part of the evening the hall was too crowded, and endeavors were made to secure another hall, but without success.

The supper at the Collins House was a great success. The cooking was done by Mr. Tanghe. To enumerate all the roasts, stews, pastry, confectionery, fruits, nuts, etc., which loaded the table would occupy too much space. The crowd was somewhat lessened in number after supper, but the dancing was continued with much spirit until about 7:30 in the morning. We cannot mention the dozens

of artistic and comical costumes worn, but as home products they were remarkably fine. The affair will long be remembered with pleasure.

From The Herald, January 7, 1887:

Certain parties seem to think that the Masonic fraternity made more out of their ball than reported last week. To satisfy all such the committee presents the following account and will add that the receipts for the several disbursements mentioned are in The Herald office, open to inspection.

Cash account of the Masonic Masque Ball and Banquet at Lusk, Wyo., Dec. 24th, 1886:

	Dr.
To cash from Bostleman & Co. tickets sold.....	\$42.00
To cash from C. S. Gunn, taken in at door.....	32.00
To cash from S. Adamsky, for tickets sold.....	52.00
To cash from C. Morse for tickets sold.....	48.00
To cash from J. F. Patterson, for ticket.....	4.00
To cash from J. K. Calkins, for ticket sold.....	4.00
To cash from Baker & Johnson, ticket sold.....	4.00
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By cash for sundries at Bostleman & Co.....	\$.60
By cash for supper at Collins House.....	108.00
By cash for organ	2.50
By cash for A. J. Davis, organist.....	5.00
By cash for Mr. Holtz, cornetist.....	10.00
By cash for Mr. Peck, caller.....	5.00
By cash for Wm. Lane, violinist.....	5.00
By cash for Mr. Goodwin, violinist.....	5.00
By cash for Postage	3.00
By cash for printing 300 invitations.....	5.50
By cash for printing 200 programmes.....	3.00
By cash for 300 envelopes.....	1.25
By cash for 300 tickets	1.25
By cash for Hall rent.....	15.00
By cash for hauling evergreens.....	2.00
Balance on hand.....	13.90
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Correct attest:

\$186.00

J. F. PATTERSON,
J. K. CALKINS.

Attempt to Organize Lodge in 1886 Fails

The rather vague and somewhat contradictory references made in the above items to "the Masonic Hall" cannot be explained satisfactorily. The item which says that "Rev. Bross will preach in the Masonic Hall next Sunday" would indicate that the hall was nearing completion and would soon be ready for use. Rev. Bross was a pioneer minister who organized the Congregational Church in Lusk, and made frequent trips from Cheyenne over the Cheyenne & Black Hills Stage Line. Old-timers interviewed do not know where the "hall" was located, or whether it was ever started or completed. Many others who could shed a ray of light on the subject have long since passed from the scene of worldly activity.

The "want of unanimity" among the Lusk brethren mentioned by Grand Master N. R. Davis as his reason for his refusal to issue a dispensation for the organization of a Lodge in Lusk at that time, no doubt arose over the failure of the "grand masque ball and banquet" held on December 24, 1886, to produce more than \$13.90 in revenue. This affair was widely advertised and was given for the purpose of raising money to furnish the "new Masonic Hall," and the financial failure of the enterprise seems to have been the principal bone of contention which produced the "inharmony."

Prime movers in this early organization effort were J. K. Calkins and J. F. Patterson, who signed the financial report quoted above. Calkins was the founder, editor and owner of The Lusk Herald, and was a member of a Nebraska Lodge before coming to Lusk to help found the new town. After selling The Herald to J. E. Mayes, he moved to Casper, after the railroad was extended to that city, and became publisher of The Derrick. He was a charter member of Casper Lodge No. 15 when that Lodge was instituted in 1893, and was Senior Warden when the charter was granted. He afterward moved to Cody, Wyo., where he was editor and publisher of The Cody Enterprise. He was also a charter member at the organization of Shoshone Lodge No. 21 at Cody when that Lodge was instituted in 1903. He passed away about ten years ago while a resident of California, and remained an

active member of the Fraternity until his death.

J. F. Patterson, who signed the banquet report with Calkins, was a member of Lodge No. 255 of Lemars, Iowa, and was a very active Mason. It is recorded in the minutes of Ashlar Lodge U. D. at Douglas, Wyo., that he visited that Lodge on August 16, 1887. Further than that, nothing is known of his Masonic activities.

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Harmony Lodge Instituted On February 27, 1906

Upon the application of ten Master Masons, dispensation was granted for the forming of a Lodge at Lusk by Grand Master M. R. Johnson of Wheatland, and on February 27, 1906, the following officers were appointed to serve Harmony Lodge U. D.:

Scott A. Ballengee, WM; William Reynolds, SW; Fred A. Root, JW. Other officers at this time were Robert C. Ord, treasurer; B. W. Sergeant, secretary; Jesse L. Hall, SD; David A. Wucher, JD; Geo. H. Voorhees, SS; Thomas Bell, JS; Russell Thorp, tyler.

Lusk being in territory over which Ashlar Lodge No. 10 of Douglas exercised jurisdiction, permission was granted by that Lodge for the forming of the new Lodge at Lusk.

John W. Agnew was the candidate when work was exemplified to prove to a representative of the Grand Lodge that the proposed new Lodge officers were proficient in their work, and under a special dispensation of the Grand Master, was given all three degrees the same night. Brother Agnew, the first candidate of the new Lodge, received his degrees April 24, 1906.

Under dispensation the Lodge conferred degrees upon five candidates, namely: Jeff M. Dougherty, Harry C. Snyder, Wesley T. Wolfe and Harry B. Hargraves. Brothers Agnew, Dougherty and Snyder completed their three degrees prior to the annual report of June 30, 1906, to the Grand Lodge, and thus were included in the list of charter members. Brothers Wolfe and Hargraves completed their work while the Lodge existed under dispensation, but were not raised to the degree of Master Masons until after June 30 of that year.

On Tuesday, September 7, 1906, a charter was issued by Grand Master M. R. Johnson, and Har-

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mony Lodge No. 24 was duly instituted by Senior Grand Warden E. J. Wells, who acted for the Grand Master. He was assisted by Brother Sam Slaymaker. Both installing officers were members of Ashlar Lodge No. 10 of Douglas. Charles Messenger of Douglas was also present as a visitor. The original officers who served under dispensation were installed as the first officers of the newly chartered Lodge.

The charter members of Harmony Lodge No. 24 are as follows: Scott A. Ballengee, William Reynolds, Fred A. Root, Robert C. Ord, B. W. Sergeant, Jesse L. Hall, David W. Wucher, George H. Voorhees, Russell Thorp, Thomas Bell, John W. Agnew, Jeff M. Dougherty and Harry C. Snyder.

Of the thirteen charter members, four are still active members of Harmony Lodge, namely: Fred A. Root, John W. Agnew, Jesse L. Hall and Russell Thorp, and all are expected to be present at the observance of the 40th anniversary of the Lodge on July 9, 1946. Jesse L. Hall is a resident of Covina, Calif.; Russell Thorp has been for many years the executive secretary of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association with offices in Cheyenne. John W. Agnew and Fred A. Root are still residents of Lusk.

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Harmony Masonic Temple Built in 1911

Early in the spring of 1911 Harmony Lodge was incorporated for the purpose of erecting its own building, to be called Harmony Temple, and under the supervision of a board of directors, composed of Harry C. Snyder, George C. Forsythe, Russell Thorp, Robert C. Ord and A. L. Miller, two lots were purchased for the site of the Temple and a modern brick building was erected, with two store rooms on the ground floor and the Lodge room and office quarters on the second floor. The cornerstone of the Temple was laid September 12, 1911, Grand Master Harold Banner of Casper officiating, assisted by Past Grand Master Hugh Hynds, who acted as grand marshal. On March 12, 1912, the newly completed building was dedicated to Masonry by Grand Master Harold Banner, assisted by Deputy Grand Master M. R. Johnson, Grand Senior Warden W. H. Dickinson and Grand Lecturer Harry C. Snyder of Lusk.

Disastrous Fire Destroys Temple in 1919

In the fall of 1919, the disastrous fire which destroyed the Temple, together with all the Lodge records and paraphernalia, occurred. The loss was a severe blow to the Lodge and was felt for many years. The fire started in the basement of the Lusk Furniture Store, owned and operated by S. W. Boyd, at an early hour on Wednesday, November 26, 1919. The Odd Fellows building, which housed the Strand Theatre, and adjoined the Masonic Temple on the south, was also destroyed when the fire spread unchecked. The fire was discovered near the furnace at about 7:00 o'clock in the morning, and was apparently extinguished with a few buckets of water. About an hour later, Richard F. Gray, county surveyor, who was also master of Harmony Lodge, discovered the fire in a back wall. The water pressure was inadequate and only two small streams were played on the blaze, which continued to spread at an alarming rate. Niobrara County had only recently been organized and all county offices were located in the Temple. Some of the county records were saved, but most of them were destroyed.

The Masonic Temple was built at a cost of about \$40,000.00 in 1911, but was valued at a much higher figure. Very little insurance was carried on the building and Lodge equipment, and the burden of retiring the outstanding bonds and buying new paraphernalia was a burden for many years. After many years the lots were sold and the present J. C. Penney building erected on the site.

Although the physical loss by the fire was severe, the work of the Order seemed to go forward with renewed vigor. After the fire on Wednesday, the Lodge met the following Sunday in the upper floor of the Snyder store building, with a dry goods box for an altar and other improvised furniture. At this meeting N. E. Hartwell, Curt Buddress and E. Paul Bacheller received their Master Mason degrees and O. M. Rasmussen received his Fellowcraft degree.

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Permission Given Manville to Form a Lodge

In 1920, during M. C. Agnew's term as Master, the petition for dispensation to form a Masonic Lodge

at Manville was re-read at the January meeting and upon vote of the Lodge same was approved. The petition had been previously presented during the term of Richard F. Gray as Master, but for some reason it was not acted upon. This action permitted the brethren at Manville and vicinity to form their own Lodge.

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Martin C. Agnew Dies While Serving as Master

One master of Harmony Lodge died while in office. On July 27, 1920, Worshipful Master Martin C. Agnew passed away. He was one of the early members of the Lodge, had been an active Mason for many years, and his death came as a great shock to the brethren. A Lodge of Sorrow was held on the night of his untimely death, it being the regular meeting date. On September 14, 1920, Pastmaster George H. Giinther was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Brother Agnew.

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Roosevelt Lodge No. 39 and Harmony Lodge Consolidate

The consolidation of Roosevelt Lodge No. 39 of Manville and Harmony Lodge No. 24 of Lusk was officially consummated on July 24, 1934, and Grand Master Charles C. Mitchell, under date of July 26, 1934, officially approved the act of consolidation.

At a meeting of Harmony Lodge on June 12, 1934, Pastmaster O. A. Moss of Roosevelt Lodge appeared as a representative of his Lodge to confer with Harmony Lodge on a plan of consolidation that would be satisfactory to both Lodges. After some discussion Harmony Lodge voted to accept Roosevelt Lodge's plan of consolidation.

At a meeting of Harmony Lodge on July 10, 1934, a communication from Brother L. C. Stoddard of Roosevelt Lodge was read, in which he stated that at a regular meeting of Roosevelt Lodge held on July 3, 1934, that Lodge had unanimously voted to consolidate with Harmony Lodge, on the terms previously outlined.

Grand Secretary Joseph M. Lowndes was present at this meeting and addressed the Lodge on the advantages of consolidation. The offer of consolidation was accepted by Harmony Lodge by a unanimous rising vote. The master (Garth D. Percival)

then announced that at the next regular meeting, to be held on July 24, an election of officers of the consolidated Lodges would be held.

On July 24, 1934, at a regular meeting, the following officers were elected and appointed to serve the consolidated Lodges until the next regular election was held the following December: George Earl Peet, WM; Lynn G. McKinnis, SW; James D. Hoblit, JW; Hans Gautschi, treasurer; Peter Paul Brown, secretary; A. J. Stenner, SD; Glen I. Willson, JD; T. J. O'Mara, SS; E. Floyd Deuel, JS; John Lorenzen, tyler. These officers, with the exception of the Junior Warden and tyler, were installed by Grand Secretary Lowndes. He then authorized the newly-elected master to install the Junior Warden and tyler at the next meeting.

After the installation was completed, Grand Secretary Lowndes presented a beautiful hand-carved gavel, with Nos. 39-24 engraved thereon, to the consolidated Lodges.

The merging of the two Lodges has proven beneficial to Masonry in Eastern Wyoming, and there has never been reason to regret the step taken.

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Sale of Lots Puts Lodge On Sound Financial Basis

Since the destruction of the Temple by fire in 1919, which resulted in the loss of all equipment as well as the building, with very little insurance, the Lodge had been faced with the financial problem of how best to meet payment of outstanding bonds when they came due. Many members of the Lodge who had purchased the bonds turned them back as gifts, a few had given generous discounts, but others had to be retired at full face value.

The problem was temporarily solved in 1931 and all bonds were retired when Pastmaster Peter Paul Brown loaned the Lodge \$3,880.00, taking a mortgage on the former Temple site, consisting of Lots 12 and 13, in Block 6, Original Lusk Townsite. To further secure the loan, the Lodge gave Pastmaster Brown two notes, one for \$3,000.00 bearing 6 per cent interest, and one for \$880.00 without interest, both due in five years from October 17, 1931. When the notes came due on October 17, 1936, all interest had been paid to date, together with \$500 on the \$3,000.00 note. Pastmaster Brown offered to renew the notes for another period, but the members

seemed anxious to clear the Lodge of all indebtedness, and for some time had been informally discussing among themselves how best to accomplish this end.

In the fall of 1936, Frank A. Barrett of Lusk and Wm. E. Hogan of Lance Creek made the Lodge an offer of \$6,500.00 for the two lots. At the regular meeting held on December 22, 1936, the offer of Barrett and Hogan was formally presented, to-wit: \$6,500.00 to be paid as the purchase price; \$2,500.00 cash, and the balance of \$4,000.00 to be paid on or before June 15, 1937, the unpaid balance to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent. It being regularly moved and seconded that the offer be accepted, the vote was taken by secret ballot, resulting as follows: In favor of proposition, 15; opposed, 11. The trustees were instructed to take the necessary steps to complete the deal, which was accordingly done.

At the meeting on February 9, 1937, Brother C. E. Marvin reported for the trustees that the deal had been completed, and the secretary was ordered to draw a warrant for \$3,405.00 in favor of Peter Paul Brown in full settlement on the notes and interest. The transaction was approved for the Grand Lodge of Wyoming by Grand Master Henry G. Watson. And thus Harmony Lodge was "in the black" for the first time in many years and had better than \$3,000.00 in liquid assets.

A few years later Barrett and Hogan erected the present J. C. Penney Building on the two lots.

At the meeting on February 23, 1937, Pastmaster Brown presented a plan for returning the sum of \$880.00 to the Lodge which had been paid him for the original non-interest-bearing note. His plan was to place this sum in a "Reinstatement Fund," to be used to pay back dues for all members who had been suspended for non-payment of dues in 1936 and as far back in prior years as possible until the fund was exhausted; and that any surplus be turned into the treasury of the Lodge. This plan was approved and adopted by the Lodge, and the money was received from Brother Brown, and many who had been forced to drop their active membership during the years of depression were thus reinstated to active membership. Pastmaster Brown was given a rising vote of thanks by the Lodge for this mark of favor and his interest in Masonic welfare.

Over Six Hundred Degrees Conferred

During its forty years of existence, Harmony Lodge has raised a total of 220 to the degree of Master Masons, and conferred approximately an equal number of Entered Apprentice and Fellow-craft degrees, or a total of 660 degrees.

During the existence of the Lodge, 98 have affiliated, 43 dimitted, 73 have been suspended for non-payment of dues, 36 have died and 42 petitions have been balloted upon and the petitioners rejected.

The largest number of Masons raised in any one year was in 1920, when 31 were made Master Masons.

The largest number of rejected petitions also came in 1920, when 16 petitions were balloted upon and rejected. This was the oil boom year in Lusk, and because of the great number of new residents coming in the wake of the boom, it is evident that the Lodge decided it to be the best policy to reject all petitions except those whose character and fitness for membership was beyond question. Forty-two rejections in forty years isn't an excessive number, when it is considered that this is only a little over one a year, and also in light of the fact that 220 petitions were acted upon favorably.

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Two Members of Harmony Lodge Become Grand Officers

Two members of Harmony Lodge No. 24 have become officers of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming. Brother Harry C. Snyder, who served as master of Harmony Lodge in 1911, reached the exalted station of Senior Grand Warden when he died in 1916.

Brother O. H. G. Jacobson, who served Harmony Lodge as master in 1941, was started as a line officer in the Grand Lodge and has now reached the station of Junior Grand Steward.

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Lodge Occupies Five Homes in Forty Years

The Lodge has occupied five different quarters for meeting places since its inception in 1906. From 1906 to 1912, meetings were held in what was then called Fraternity Hall. This building, located on the northeast corner of Third and Main streets,

where the old Continental filling station (now used as an eating house) is located, was acquired by Custer Lodge I. O. O. F., in 1911, the same year the Masonic Temple was erected, and was known as Odd Fellows Hall from that time until it was destroyed in 1919 by the same fire that consumed the Masonic Temple.

Except for the period when the Masons and Odd Fellows each owned and occupied their own separate buildings, embracing the period from 1912 to 1919, these two organizations have occupied the same quarters and used the same furniture. The Masons and Odd Fellows have always worked together in close harmony in both a business and a fraternal way, and not the slightest discord has ever disturbed this most pleasant relation.

After the fire of 1919, arrangements were made for the use of the John Auld Building, located south of the Silver Cliff Hotel, the same building now occupied by Jerry Koleno's cleaning establishment. This building, while much too small, was occupied temporarily until the fall of 1921, when the building owned by John Alter and known then as the Community Hall, was taken over for quarters by three organizations—the Masons, Odd Fellows and the Congregational Church. This building has since been torn down and a residence erected on the site.

Both the Auld and Alter buildings were one-story structures and for obvious reasons were suitable only for temporary quarters, but it was necessary to occupy the location in the Community Hall for quite a number of years.

In 1932 arrangements were made for occupying the present location in the Snyder Building, now owned and operated by George Gibson of the Midwest Hardware Co. The present Lodge room is located in the exact spot where it was necessary to hold communications for a time in the Snyder Store building following the disastrous fire which destroyed the Temple in 1919.

The original Fraternity Hall of 1906 had been furnished by the Odd Fellows, and the same altar and the same officers' chairs used then by both organizations are in use today the same as they were 40 years ago. The meeting place in Fraternity Hall was on the second floor over the dance hall and opera house of early days. It was heated by coal-burning stoves and lighted by a gasoline lamp

system from a central pressure tank and heated coil.

When Harmony Lodge moved into its new Temple in 1912, Niobrara Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was invited to use the Lodge room without charge. The Star Chapter was responsible for much of the furniture in the new Temple, especially for the kitchen equipment and banquet facilities, all of which were lost when the Temple burned. The Star Chapter has always been most helpful in keeping our meeting place in order as well as lending an air of refinement to our surroundings.

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One Member of Lodge Loses Life in World War II

While fourteen members of Harmony Lodge participated in World War II, only one, Virgil Olds, paid the supreme sacrifice.

Virgil Olds began his military training as a member of the Lusk unit of the National Guard. He held the rank of first lieutenant when the Guard as Company C, 116th Quartermaster Regiment, was mobilized for war service in September, 1940. He was afterward transferred to headquarters of the 2nd Battalion, 116th QM Regiment and promoted to captain in 1941. He went into training to qualify for service in the Air Force in 1942, afterward serving as instructor. He then went into B-29 training as a pilot and participated in the campaign against Japan, making several bombing raids over Tokyo. While a member of a crew of B-29 incendiary aircraft raiders, based on Saipan, he was pilot of a lead plane, and it is thought his plane was hit while over Tokyo on May 24, 1945. His companions reported that his plane went down in flames and no trace of him has ever been found. He was promoted to major, effective June 11, 1945.

The War Department officially listed him as killed in action, notifying his grandfather, R. S. Bell, also a member of Harmony Lodge, the first of June, 1946.

Other members of Harmony Lodge who served in World War II, so far as reported, are: Jack D. Criss, Dr. E. E. Dale, B. L. Massey, Dr. Thomas A. Ward, Arthur D. Keller, Jerry L. Kolenko, Vernon D. Lamb, John D. Stenger, Ray L. Stoddard, Fred H. Albert, Roy J. Cork, Clifford B. Moody, and Leonard F. Ong.

Pastmasters of Harmony and Roosevelt Lodges

Scott A. Ballengee	1907
Jesse L. Hall	1908-1909
Scott A. Ballengee	1910
*H. C. Snyder	1911
*E. A. Cook	1912
Hans Gautschi	1913
Ralph I. Olinger	1914-1915
Ernest C. Hardegan	1913
*Martin C. Agnew	1917
George H. Giinther	1918
Richard F. Gray	1919
*Martin C. Agnew	1920
**George H. Giinther	1920
George H. Howes	1921
*James Mashek	1922
C. C. Browning	1923
Norris E. Hartwell	1924
William M. Jack	1925
Harold I. Bacheller	1926
Reuben A. Faulk	1927
Peter Paul Brown	1928
John E. Snethen	1929
Earl M. Criss	1930
Glen L. Cates	1931
Frank W. Chambers	1932
Fred A. Thielbar	1933
*Garth D. Percival	1934
***George Earl Peet	1934
*Lynn G. McKinnis	1935
James D. Hoblit	1936
Thomas O. Miller	1937
Glen I. Willson	1938
Edgar Floyd Dueel	1939
Jesse M. Hungate	1940
O. H. G. Jacobson	1941
A. Byard Mills	1942
Charles F. Sheaman	1943
Harold L. Gautschi	1944
Charles V. Lee	1945

Pastmasters of Roosevelt Lodge No. 39

Hans Gautschi	1921
*F. J. Larson	1922
Hans Gautschi	1923
L. C. Stoddard	1924-1925
V. E. Hulbert	1926
Charles A. Whelan	1927

C. Frank Bautch	1928
Oscar A. Rood	1929
Charles A. Whelan	1930
*Oliver Hitshew	1931
Oliver A. Moss	1932
D. A. Shoopman	1933
John H. Hill	1934

*Deceased.

**Served out term of Martin C. Agnew, deceased.

***Elected after Lodges consolidated.

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List of Officers and Summary of Work in Forty Years

The officers and a summary of the Lodge's activities by years during its existence follows:

1907

The officers elected and installed for the first year, that of 1907, under the new charter, were as follows: Scott A. Ballengee, WM; David Wucher, SW; Jesse L. Hall, JW; Hugh N. Callander, treasurer; B. W. Sergeant, secretary; Harry C. Snyder, SD; Edmund A. Cook, JD.; George H. Voorhees, SS; Charles E. Partridge, JS; Robert C. Ord, tyler. During the year, according to Grand Lodge records, eleven were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons and five affiliated, bringing the total membership to 29. Those raised were: Edmund A. Cook, who was the first candidate raised under the charter, on October 9, 1906; Martin C. Agnew, William B. Shipley, George Pullen, Warren Reed, A. L. Miller, Edwin Hall, Thomson Black, William S. Young, Edwin G. Morgan. Those who affiliated were Charles E. Partridge, Hugh N. Callander, R. E. Hamlin, B. F. Hamlin, Matt Hargraves.

1908

The 1908 officers were: J. L. Hall, WM; J. W. Agnew, SW; H. C. Snyder, JW; Hugh Callander, treasurer; B. W. Sergeant, secretary; Edmund A. Cook, SD; A. L. Miller, JD; W. B. Shipley, SS; Martin C. Agnew, JS; Hans Gautschi, tyler. Four were raised, four affiliated and one dimitted, making the total membership 36. Those raised were E. G. Morgan, Hans Gautschi, P. E. Barber, Hollis Hamlin. Jeff Dougherty dimitted. The affiliations were R. L. McCreery, O. Z. Burkhead, C. A. Sheldon, Dr. W. J. Brownrigg.

1909

For the year 1909 the following served as officers: Jesse L. Hall, WM; Harry C. Snyder, SW; Wesley T. Wolfe, JW; Hugh Callander, treasurer; Edmund A. Cook, secretary and also senior deacon; B. W. Sergeant, JD; Robert C. Ord, SS; Hans Gautschi, JS; Wm. B. Shipley, tyler. Three were initiated, three passed and three raised during the year, while one was suspended for non-payment of dues, making the total membership 38, or a gain of two. One petition was balloted upon and rejected.

1910

Officers for 1910 were: Scott A. Ballangee, WM; Harry C. Snyder, SW; B. W. Sergeant, JW; Hugh Callander, treasurer; W. B. Shipley, treasurer; E. A. Cook, SD; P. E. Barber, JD; Martin C. Agnew, SS; Albion Lind, JS; Henry T. Gray, tyler. Seven were initiated, five passed, five raised, one affiliated and one dimitted during the year, a gain of six for a total membership of 43.

1911

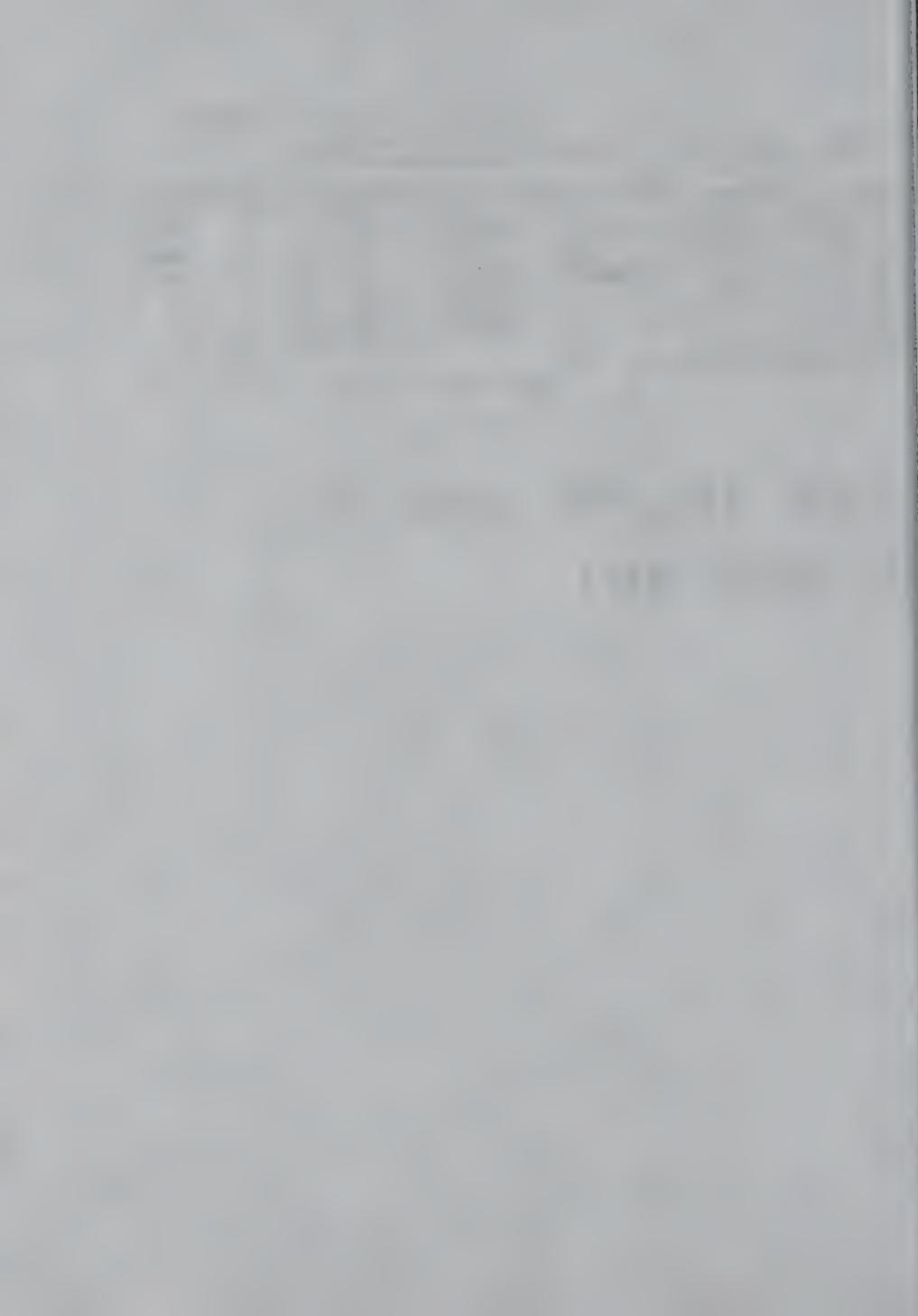
The 1911 officers were: H. C. Snyder, WM; E. A. Cook, SW; A. L. Miller, JW; H. N. Callander, treasurer; G. C. Forsythe, secretary; Hans Gautschi, SD; Martin C. Agnew, JD; George H. Voorhees, SS; George H. Howes, JS; Ed C. Daley, tyler. Eleven were initiated, nine passed and eight raised during the year for a total gain of eight, bringing the total membership to 51. Four other petitions were balloted upon and rejected.

1912

The officers elected and appointed to serve for the year 1912 were: E. A. Cook, WM; Hans Gautschi, SW; R. I. Olinger, JW; Jesse L. Hall, treasurer; G. C. Forsythe, secretary; Martin C. Agnew, SD; Merlin D. Barnes, JD; George H. Howes, SS; S. W. Boyd, JS; Ed C. Daley, tyler. Only two were initiated during the year, one passed and two raised, one dimitted and one died, leaving the total membership at 51, the same as the previous year. The deceased brother was J. V. White, who passed away December 26, 1911. This was the first loss to the Lodge by death.

1913

The officers for 1913 were: Hans Gautschi, WM; R. I. Olinger, SW; Russell Thorp, JW; E. C. Hardegan, treasurer; G. C. Forsythe, secretary; Martin C. Agnew, SD; Ed C. Daley, JD; A. L. Miller, SS;



Merlin D. Barnes, JS; Fred A. Boyd, tyler. Five were initiated, six passed, four raised, three affiliated, one dimitted and three suspended for non-payment of dues; a net gain of seven, making the total membership 58.

1914

The 1914 officers were: Ralph I. Olinger, WM; G. C. Forsythe, SW; Merlin D. Barnes, JW; A. P. Stewart, treasurer; Dudley Fields, secretary; Bert McCarthy, SD; Frank R. Murphy, JD; Ed C. Daley, SS; W. B. Shipley, JS; George M. Reynolds, tyler. Three were initiated, three passed, two raised, two affiliated and one dimitted. The secretary's report shows a total membership of 57, being a loss of one from the previous year.

A distinct departure from customary procedure occurred during this year which is worthy of note. In the Grand Lodge meeting of the previous year the code was amended to require a proficiency examination in the Master Mason degree, which had not heretofore been done. George H. Giinther, afterward Master of this Lodge, was the first candidate to pass the examination, the questions being given from the East by R. I. Olinger, the Master.

1915

The 1915 officers were: Ralph I. Olinger, WM (re-elected); Ernest C. Hardigan, SW; Martin C. Agnew, JW; Jesse L. Hall, treasurer; Dudley Fields, secretary; Bert McCarthy, SD; George H. Giinther, JD; Frank W. Chambers, SS; Stewart W. Boyd, JS; P. E. Barber, tyler. Two were initiated, one passed, two raised, three affiliated and two dimitted, making a total membership of 60.

1916

The 1916 officers were: Ernest C. Hardegan, WM; Martin C. Agnew, SW; George H. Giinther, JW; Jesse L. Hall, treasurer; Dudley Fields, secretary; Richard F. Gray, SD; John E. Hawthorne, JD; Fred A. Boyd, SS; George M. Reynolds, JS; Frank H. Gray, tyler. Ten were initiated, nine passed, ten raised, one affiliated, one died, one dimitted and three were suspended for non-payment of dues, leaving the total membership at 66.

The brother who died during the year was Harry C. Snyder, a charter member, pastmaster, chairman of the Temple building committee, and who at the time of his death was Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, A., F. & A. M. of Wyoming. It is

ironical that he died in the Temple which he had such a large part in creating.

1917

Officers for 1917 were: Martin C. Agnew, WM; George H. Giinther, SW; Richard F. Gray, JW; Jesse L. Hall, treasurer; Dudley Fields, secretary; Merlin D. Barnes, SD; Frank H. Gray, JD; T. August Larson, SS; Chris Joss, JS; William Burch, tyler. Three were initiated, four passed, five raised, two reinstated, two dimitted and three died. In addition to the death of Harry C. Snyder, mentioned above, Edwin Hall and Charles S. Hughes passed away.

1918

The 1918 officers were: George H. Giinther, WM; Richard F. Gray, SW; Merlin D. Barnes, JW; Jesse L. Hall, treasurer; Dudley Fields, secretary; George H. Howes, SD; Frank H. Gray, JD; Fred A. Root, SS; James Mashek, JS; P. E. Barber, tyler. Twelve were initiated, ten passed, ten raised and two affiliated during the year, making the total membership 79. Three other petitions were received and rejected.

1919

The 1919 officers were: Richard F. Gray, WM; Merlin D. Barnes, SW; George H. Howes, JW; Jesse L. Hall, treasurer; Dudley Fields, secretary; Chris Joss, SD; James Mashek, JD; Lon A. Galbreath, SS; John E. Snethen, JS; William M. Jack, tyler; O. A. E. Blenkarn, chaplain. Eight were initiated during the year, four passed, three raised, and three affiliated, while two dimitted, leaving the total membership at 83. The secretary's report shows that seven members of Harmony Lodge were serving in the armed forces in World War I. One other petition was received, voted upon and rejected.

1920

For the year 1920 the officers were: Martin C. Agnew, WM; George H. Howes, SW; J. E. Hawthorne, JW; Frank W. Chambers, treasurer; Dudley Fields, secretary; James Mashek, SD; C. C. Browning, JD; N. E. Hartwell, SS; Wm. M. Jack, JS; Neal C. Rowell, tyler; O. A. E. Blenkarn, chaplain. The annual returns for 1920 show: Initiated, 28; passed, 21; raised, 17; affiliated, 7; reinstated, 1; dimitted, 11; died, 1. Total membership 96.

1921

Officers were: Geo. H. Howes, WM; J. E. Haw-

thorne, SW; James Mashek, JW; Frank W. Chambers, treasurer; George H. Giinther, secretary; C. C. Browning, SD; N. E. Hartwell, SS; Neal C. Rowell, JS; Harold I. Bacheller, tyler. This was the most successful year in the history of the Lodge in point of membership gain. The annual returns for this year show: Initiated, 30; passed, 30; raised, 31; dimitted, 3; affiliated, 5. Total membership 128, a gain of 36. Sixteen other petitions were received and upon vote rejected.

1922

Officers were: James Mashek, WM; C. C. Browning, SW; N. E. Hartwell, JW; Frank W. Chambers, treasurer; George H. Giinther, secretary; Wm. M. Jack, SD; Neal C. Rowell, JD; Harold I. Bacheller, SS; David H. Dale, JS; Oscar H. Gehlert, tyler. Four were initiated, seven passed, eight raised, one died, for a total membership of 135. One petition was rejected.

1923

Officers for 1921: C. C. Browning, WM; N. E. Hartwell, SW; Wm. M. Jack, JW; E. M. Phillips, treasurer; George H. Howes, secretary; Frank W. Chambers, SD; Harold I. Bacheller, JD; Peter Paul Brown, SS; Oscar H. Gehlert, JS; R. I. Olinger, tyler. Five were initiated, four passed, four raised, one affiliated, four dimitted, for a total membership of 146. One petition was rejected.

1924

Officers for this year: N. E. Hartwell, WM; Wm. M. Jack, SW; Frank W. Chambers, JW; E. M. Phillips, treasurer; C. E. Gard, secretary; Harold I. Bacheller, SD; R. A. Faulk, JD; Peter Paul Brown, SS; George H. Giinther, tyler. Eight were initiated, six passed, five raised, one affiliated. Total membership 143. Two petitions were rejected.

1925

Officers were: Wm. M. Jack, WM; Harold I. Bacheller, SW; R. A. Faulk, JW; E. M. Phillips, treasurer; C. C. Browning, secretary; Peter Paul Brown, SD; E. H. Perry, JD; Thomas R. Stokes, JS; N. E. Hartwell, tyler. Eight were initiated, nine passed, nine raised, three dimitted, for a total membership of 144.

1926

Officers for 1926: Harold I. Bacheller, WM; R. A. Faulk, SW; Peter Paul Brown, JW; E. M. Phillips, treasurer; C. C. Browning, secretary; J. E.

Snethen, SD; E. M. Criss, JD; John E. Lorenzen, SS; Glen L. Cates, JS; Wm. M. Jack, tyler. Five were initiated, seven passed, six raised, four dimitted and four died for a total membership of 139. The brothers who died during the year were A. F. Rush, Edmund A. Cook, Wesley T. Wolfe and Geo. S. Clark. Two other petitions were rejected.

1927

Officers: R. A. Faulk, WM; Peter Paul Brown, SW; J. E. Snethen, JW; E. M. Phillips, treasurer; C. C. Browning, secretary; E. M. Criss, SD; John B. Lorenzen, JD; Glen L. Cates, SS; Guy E. Morrison, JS; Robert B. Taylor, tyler. Four were initiated, two passed, three raised, 19 suspended for non-payment of dues. Total membership 119, a loss of 24 for the year. One petition was rejected.

1928

Officers were: Peter Baul Brown, WM; J. E. Snethen, SW; E. M. Criss, JW; R. I. Olinger, treasurer; C. C. Browning, secretary; Glen L. Cates, SD; Robert B. Taylor, SS; Carl F. Weymouth, JS; Fred A. Thielbar, tyler; George Earl Peet, chaplain. One was initiated, two passed, two raised and one affiliated, for a total membership of 122. Three petitions were rejected.

1929

Officers: J. E. Snethen, WM; E. M. Criss, SW; Glen L. Cates, JW; R. I. Olinger, treasurer; N. E. Hartwell, secretary; F. W. Chambers, SD; Fred A. Thielbar, JD; Chris Madsen, SS; L. A. Wood, JS; George J. Held, tyler. Five were initiated, four passed, five raised, two dimitted, seven suspended for non-payment of dues, for a total membership of 118, a loss of four for the year. Two other petitions were acted upon and rejected.

1930

Officers were: E. M. Criss, WM; Glen L. Cates, SW; Frank W. Chambers, JW; R. I. Olinger, treasurer; N. E. Hartwell, secretary; Fred A. Thielbar, SD; Chris M. Madsen, JD; George Earl Peet, SS; Garth D. Percival, JS; Peter Paul Brown, tyler. Five were initiated, four passed, four raised, one dimitted and two died. Total membership 123. One petition was rejected. The brothers who passed away during the year were Hugh N. Callander and E. M. Phillips.

1931

Officers: Glen L. Cates, WM; Frank W. Chamb-

ers, SW; Fred A. Thielbar, JW; R. I. Olinger, treasurer; R. A. Faulk, secretary; George Earl Peet, SD; Garth D. Percival, JD; Lynn G. McKinnis, SS; A. J. Stenner, JS; Glen I. Willson, tyler. Four were initiated, six passed, six raised, one died, for a total membership of 125, a gain of two. The deceased brother was Wm. M. Reynolds.

1932

Officers: Frank W. Chambers, WM; F. A. Thielbar, SW; George Earl Peet, JW; R. I. Olinger, treasurer; R. A. Faulk, secretary; Garth D. Percival, SD; Lynn G. McKinnis, JD; A. J. Stenner, SS; Glen I. Willson, JS; Thomas O. Miller, tyler. Two were initiated, two passed, two raised, eight affiliated, two dimitted, ten were suspended for non-payment of dues and one died. Two petitions were rejected. The deceased brother was Robert C. Ord.

1933

Officers: Fred A. Thielbar, WM; Garth D. Percival, SW; George Earl Peet, JW; Alger E. Johnson, treasurer; R. A. Faulk, secretary; Lynn G. McKinnis, SD; Glen I. Willson, SS; Thomas O. Miller, JS; Lawrence Holsapple, tyler. One was initiated, one passed, one raised, two affiliated, four dimitted, two reinstated, one suspended for non-payment of dues. Total membership 127, a gain of five for the year.

1934

Officers: Garth D. Percival, WM; George Earl Peet, SW; Lynn G. McKinnis, JW; Hans Gautschi, treasurer; Peter Paul Brown, secretary; A. J. Stenner, SD; Glen I. Willson, JD; Thomas O. Miller, SS; E. Floyd Deuel, JS; John B. Lorenzen, tyler. One was initiated, one passed, one raised, one affiliated, one dimitted, two reinstated and 13 suspended for non-payment of dues and three died. Total membership 107. The three brothers who passed away were P. E. Barber, Walter E. Dye and James Masesek.

1935

Officers: Lynn G. McKinnis, WM; James D. Hoblit, SW; Thomas O. Miller, JW; Hans Gautschi, treasurer; Frank W. Chambers, secretary; A. J. Stenner, SD; Glen I. Willson, JD; T. J. O'Mara, SS; E. Floyd Deuel, JS; John B. Lorenzen, tyler. Three

were initiated, three passed, two raised, two reinstated, 45 affiliated and two died. All the members of Roosevelt Lodge No. 39 of Manville, which had consolidated with Harmony Lodge, affiliated this year, accounting for the large number of affiliations. The deceased brothers were George J. Held and Bert McCarthy.

1936

Officers: James D. Hoblit, WM; Thomas O. Miller, SW; Glen I. Willson, JW; Hans Gautschi, treasurer; E. M. Criss, secretary; E. Floyd Deuel, SD; Paul M. Garman, JD; J. M. Hungate, SS; O. H. G. Jacobson, JS; Chris Joss, tyler. Two were initiated, one passed, two raised, three dimitted, several suspended for non-payment of dues, making a total membership of 143, a loss of 13 for the year. One petition was rejected.

1937

Officers: Thomas O. Miller, WM; Glen I. Willson, SW; E. Floyd Deuel, JW; Hans Gautschi, treasurer; Glen L. Cates, secretary; J. M. Hungate, JD; Paul M. Garman, SD; O. H. G. Jacobson, SS; Chris Joss, JS; J. P. Costlow, tyler. One was initiated, two passed, one raised, two affiliated, 14 reinstated, one dimitted, three suspended for non-payment of dues, one died. Total membership 161, a gain of 18 for the year. One petition was rejected. The deceased brother was Will Hassed.

1938

Officers: Glen I. Willson, WM; E. Floyd Deuel, SW; J. M. Hungate, JW; Hans Gautschi, treasurer; Thomas O. Miller, secretary; O. H. G. Jacobson, SD; A. B. Mills, JD; J. P. Costlow, SS; Clifford W. Townsend, JS; W. M. Gregory, tyler. Four were initiated, four passed, three raised, three reinstated, one died. Total membership 163. The deceased brother was George W. Teas. Three petitions were voted upon and rejected.

1939

Officers: E. Floyd Deuel, WM; J. M. Hungate, SW; O. H. G. Jacobson, JW; Hans Gautschi, treasurer; Thomas O. Miller, secretary; A. B. Mills, SD; C. F. Sheaman, JD; H. L. Gautschi, JS; Jerry L. Keleno, tyler. Eight were initiated, seven passed, seven raised, four affiliated, one reinstated, two died. Total membership 173. Deceased brothers were A. L. Miller and Carl F. Weymouth.

1940

Officers: J. M. Hungate, WM; O. H. G. Jacobson, SW; A. B. Mills, JW; Hans Gautschi, treasurer; C. A. Whelan, secretary; C. F. Sheaman, SD; H. L. Gautschi, JD; Charles V. Lee, SS; Jerry L. Kolen, JS; John H. Hill, tyler; Robert C. Templeton, chaplain. Six were initiated, six passed, six raised, one reinstated, three dimitted, seven suspended for non-payment of due and four died. Total membership 166. One petition was rejected. The deceased brothers were Walter C. Reed, Carl H. Adams, Charles Carlson and Tom Bell.

1941

Officers: O. H. G. Jacobson, WM; A. B. Mills, SW; C. F. Sheaman, JW; Hans Gautschi, treasurer; E. Floyd Deuel, secretary; H. L. Gautschi, SD; Jerry L. Kolen, SS; Robert C. Templeton, JS; Wm. Nelson, tyler; John E. Brown, chaplain. Five were initiated, six passed, six raised, one affiliated, two dimitted, two died. Total members 169. Two petitions were rejected. Deceased brothers were Dr. W. H. Hassed and Howell Jones.

1942

Officers: A. B. Mills, WM; C. F. Sheaman, SW; H. L. Gautschi, JW; Hans Gautschi, treasurer; E. Floyd Deuel, secretary; Charles V. Lee, SD; Jerry L. Kolen, JD; Robert C. Templeton, SS; James B. Griffith, JS; E. L. McKnight, tyler. One was initiated, one passed, one raised, one dimitted, four suspended for non-payment of dues. Total membership 165. Two petitions were rejected.

1943

Officers: C. F. Sheaman, WM; H. L. Gautschi, SW; Charles V. Lee, JW; Hans Gautschi, treasurer; C. E. Marvin, secretary; Jerry L. Kolen, SD; Robert C. Templeton, JD; James B. Griffith, SS; E. L. McKnight, JS; Walter M. Gregory, tyler; Cliff Dorman, chaplain. One was initiated, one passed, one raised, one affiliated, two dimitted, two died. Total membership 162. Two petitions were rejected. The deceased brothers were Lynn G. McKinnis and Charles C. Lawton.

1944

Officers: H. L. Gautschi, WM; Charles V. Lee, SW; Robert C. Templeton, JW; Hans Gautschi, treasurer; C. A. Whelan, secretary; James B. Griffith, SD; Cliff Dorman, SS; Dale C. Windom, JS;

A. B. Mills, tyler; Glen L. Cates, marshal. Three were initiated, three passed, three raised, one affiliated, six reinstated, one dimitted, four died. The total membership was 167. One petition was rejected. Deceased brothers were Addison A. Spaugh, Albert N. Sims, Fred A. Boyd and Garth D. Percival.

1945

Officers: Charles V. Lee, WM; Robert C. Templeton, SW; James B. Griffith, JW; Hans Gautschi, treasurer; C. A. Whelan, secretary; E. L. McKnight, SD; Cliff Dorman, JD; Dale C. Windom, SS; Dr. O. E. Torkelson, JS; H. L. Gautschi, tyler; Charles D. Dobson, chaplain; Roy J. Cork, marshal. Seven were initiated, two passed, seven raised, three affiliated, two reinstated, one dimitted, one suspended for non-payment of dues and one died. Total membership 176. Two petitions were rejected. The deceased brother was Ford B. Kuns.

1946

Officers: Robert C. Templeton, WM; James B. Griffith, SW; E. L. McKnight, JW; Hans Gautschi, treasurer; C. A. Whelan, secretary; Cliff Dorman, SD; Dale C. Windom, JD; Dr. O. E. Torkelson, SS; Charles D. Dobson, JS; Lafe Culver, chaplain; Charles V. Lee, tyler.

(Note—As the fiscal year of the Lodge does not end until June 30, and this booklet is being printed June 20, a summary of work is not available).

WHAT IS MASONRY?

MASONRY is not so much an institution as it is a theory or philosophy of life manifesting itself in one's relations with fellow-men. It is not what the tongue proclaims, but what is in the heart. The true Mason is the man who is guided by Masonic precepts, and who practices and exemplifies its teachings in his daily life.

Brotherhood of man is not an idle dream. It requires slow and patient effort, however, to overcome the entrenched errors and prejudices of the past; yet a time will come when the eternal truths taught by Masonry shall be universally recognized, and the solidarity of man shall be proclaimed as the cornerstone of civil government.

—Author Unknown.

